Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - APR 2026

Club Meetings - 2nd Monday each month. 6:30pm at new location : 30 Manilla Road, Tamworth.

Last meeting : Mon 13th Mar2026. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : Mon 11th May 2026. 6:30pm.

AGM set for May.

Tamworth 4wd Club 50th Anniversary in July Held at Wallabadah.

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

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2025-2026 Committee

President	- Col Middleton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Vice President	- Dave Maunder	
Secretary	- Katrina Burton	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Leanne Middleton	e: treasurer.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Association Delegate	- Dave Maunder	e: delegate.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Publicity Officer	- Katrina / Adrian	
Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
Newsletter Editor	- Dave Maunder	
Public Officer	- Graeme Hodge	
Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

BANK DETAILS
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30 Manilla Road, Oxley Vale, Tamworth 2340.

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

AGM date set for next month (May). Legit this time. Please come along.

How's the price of fuel eh?

Mudgee Association weekend is cancelled. Book in for 2027.

The club's 50th Anniversary will be combined with our Christmas in July weekend. Last weekend in July held at Wallabadah. Might try for a record breaker of a bonfire for the Saturday night. For those not in the know, the camping grounds now has a shower block (BYO shower but...) and a third dunny for camping convenience. Can easily crank up the donkey for hotwater.

As Graeme always says, Keep the Sunny side up

/El-slacko Editor

Tamworth 4wd Club Meeting. 13 /April /26.
Meeting started 6:33pm 6 members. 0 visitors.
Location At Col & Leanne's
Chair: Colin
Members in attendance : Col, Leanne, Graeme, Dave, Kevin & Asia.
Apologies Rick, Katrina, Paul.

Business Arising
- 50th anniversary. Discussions in General business.
- Inactive members for AGM—change of bylaws in Clubs Constitution.

Financials.
Working Acc: $1100.33
Reserve Acc: $2605.47

Correspondence In:
April Association Newsletter(s).
Jason Green re AGM set incorrectly for April.

Correspondence Out:
April Association Newsletter.
March and/or April Newsletters.
Mudgee Emberfest query to office@Association. Edit: Mudgee confirmed as being cancelled.

General Business
- AGM date set for next month (May). Legitimately this time. Please come along.
- Everything pretty much on hold until fuel prices decide to come down a bit.
- Meetings at Manilla Road until a suitable location is found.
- 50th anniversary to be combined with Christmas in July. Last weekend of July.
  Advertisement for 50th to go out to Ironman4x4, ARB, TJM, clubs and the Association.
- Dave slack at chasing up with National Parkes MOA. Need to find a contact.
- Graeme's (Dave Apps) for Easter. Try again for East 2027.
- Attunga Forest Rekky.
- Discussion around Life Membership, and the Associations method of introducing a by-law into our Constitution regarding inactive life members. This is to stay in General Business until our next AGM to be nominated as a discussion & voting item.

Trips

Easter 2027 (Tea Gardens)?

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set. Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

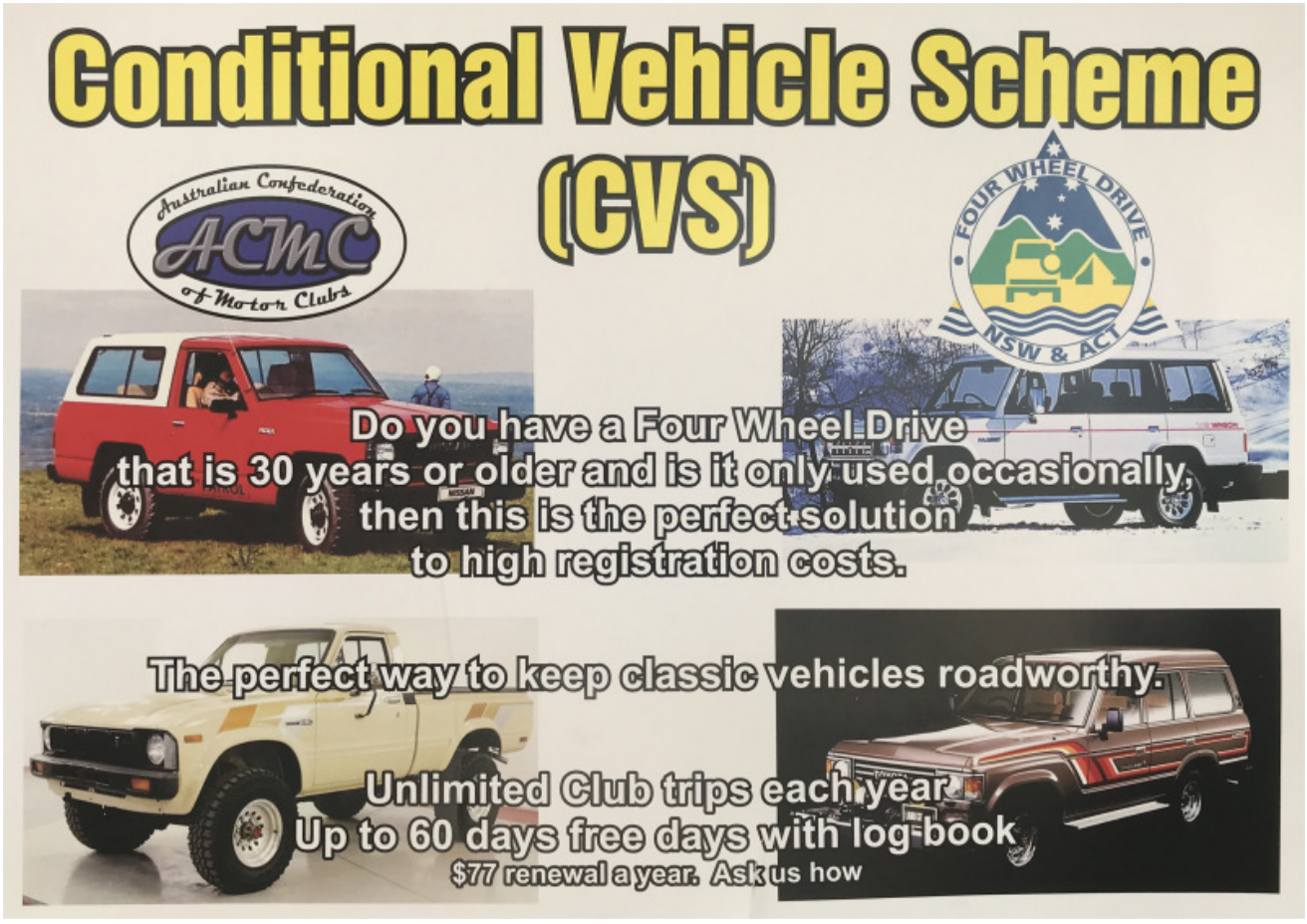
Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Victorian High Country. Colin. Was 2026, probably 2027, but more likely 2028.

Mudgee Showground (15-17th May) Emberfest. Cancelled.
Association newsletter 14/april confirmed cancellation; zoom meeting on the Sunday for the quarterly.

50th Anniversary for later in the year combined with Christmas-in-July
Last weekend in July at Wallabadah. Social weekend. More info to come, advertisement to come.

Meeting closed 7:00pm,


Conditional Vehicle Scheme
(CVS)
Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs
ACMC
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NSW & ACT
Do you have a Four Wheel Drive
that is 30 years or older and is it only used occasionally,
then this is the perfect solution
to high registration costs.
The perfect way to keep classic vehicles roadworthy.
Unlimited Club trips each year
Up to 60 days free days with log book
$77 renewal a year. Ask us how

CVS - Classic Vehicle Scheme, allows for modified and engineered 30-year old vehicles on the road for 60 days with a log book. It also allows for unlimited days for Club trips and events. This is also open to other vehicles including all registrable 2wd cars, VW style beach buggies, modified and engineered lowered cars & trucks that are under 3500kg. You will have 'CLASSIC' conditional NSW plates.
Interested in knowing more? Send an email to the Tamworth 4wd Club.
Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler.
$10.00 each.
Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Life Time Memberships

Great for the member - but not so good for the club long term.

Membership fees paid to 4WD NSW/ACT each year must include any life memberships that a club has bestowed on a member. The club doesn't get paid the fee but the insurance company still needs to cover them so they must be declared.

But what to be done when the member is no longer active within the club?
It seems unfair to pay for a member that is not in the club anymore.

Clubs can do what best suits themselves but the following is one option to reduce the costs of unused Life Memberships.

Life members that are not active in your club any longer can be officially changed to "inactive"
Do this by adding a bylaw that states the following (or similar):

> Life members that have not been active in the club for 2 years (decide on your club's own timeframe) are to be declared "inactive"
> The membership can be reactivated if the member returns to the club after a long absence.
> Ensure that any bylaw created does not contradict your club's constitution.

TAMWORTH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

The name of the Club formed under the rules shall be the Tamworth Four Wheel Drive Club and the Club shall be a non profit making organisation.

OBJECTIVES

A: To promote friendship and courtesy on the road through social gathering, touring and in competition between members of the Club.

B: To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle.

D: To facilitate the location and purchase of replacement vehicles, new and used parts at the best possible prices.

E: And in particular, to encourage and foster the activity of four wheel driving and to endeavour to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Commission of NSW etc) as a recognised and responsible pastime.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any person interested in the furtherance of the objectives of the Club. Application for membership shall be in writing and in such form as the Committee shall determine. All members shall be approved by the Committee of the Club. Membership valid for 12 months from 01/05/xxxx to the 30/04/xxxx

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership may be conferred upon a member in recognition of outstanding and exceptional services to the Club over a considerable period of time. The recipient shall be titled 'Life Member' and shall be entitled to all member privileges whilst being exempted from all membership subscriptions. This definition is to be constructed broadly so as to include Family membership.

Election of a Life Member is to be considered at an Annual General Meeting only and shall require a majority of at least two thirds of those members present and entitled to vote. Nominations for Life Membership shall be in writing from at least 25% of financial members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There shall be a joining fee and an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined by the Committee from time to time. Membership is on a family basis and allows two adult members of the family to vote.

New members joining after the 1st October in any year will have their membership automatically carry on into the next financial year.

Joining fee and the first annual subscriptions shall be payable upon the Committee's acceptance of the membership proposal. All annual subscriptions shall be due and payable from 01/05/xxxx and valid for one year and any membership that is not renewed within three months will automatically terminate.

MANAGEMENT

The Management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee which shall consist of the President, one Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and two ordinary members of the Club. The Committee may, from time to time, for such purposes as it may think fit, appoint two or more of its members as a subcommittee. All office bearers shall be responsible and act in an honorary capacity.

COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. It shall consist of the President, one Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and two other members. Provided that the above qualification for holding one of the said four positions shall be construed broadly and not so as to prevent otherwise qualified persons from holding such positions. The whole of the Committee shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re election. Any office becoming vacant during the period of twelve months may be filled by the committee and the person elected shall hold the office until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to make repeal and amend such By Laws as they may, from time to time, consider necessary for the well being of the Club, which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution, and all such By Laws shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by the resolution of a General Meeting of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to invite any other person to attend Committee meetings whom they consider may be of assistance to them in a professional or technical or other capacity for advice and guidance provided that such a person shall not be entitled to vote as a member of the Committee. Any member of the Committee failing to attend two consecutive meetings without leave shall cease to be a member thereof.

FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Club shall conclude on the 31st of March.

GENERAL MEETING

A: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in April each year when the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, election of Life Members and honorary Auditors Report shall be presented provided, however, that in the event of the business of such meeting not being completed it may be adjourned and the business completed at an adjourned meeting which shall be held not later than the 30th April of that year.

B: Other special General Meetings of the Club may be convened at any time by the Secretary upon being requested to do so by the Committee or by the requisition in writing by at least 25% of financial members.

C: Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings to be announced at the two proceeding General Meetings or as notified in the Tamworth Four Wheel Drive Club Newsletter. No other notification to be given.

D: A notice of Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall state the time and place and nature of the meeting and the business to be transacted. No business other than that of which notice has been given shall be conducted at such meeting.

E: At all meetings the President shall be chairman or, in his absence, such member as is appointed by the Committee.

F: At all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings only financial members of the Club will be allowed to attend and shall have the right to vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands or, if required, by the majority of the meeting, or if the Committee shall so decide, by ballot.

G: At Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings a quorum shall be 25% of the voting membership.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A: The Committee shall meet at least once in every month. The quorum at such meetings shall be 3 members of the Committee.

B: The President shall act as chairman or, in his absence, such other member of the Committee as may be selected by a majority of the members present.

C: Each member of the Committee shall have one vote and in the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

D: Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee Meetings shall be kept and shall be open for inspection by any member of the Club.

FUNDS

The funds of the Club shall be deposited in an account with a bank or building society and such account operated upon by any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club. No money shall be paid to individual members of the Club unless by way of reimbursement for monies spent on behalf of the Club or for services rendered at the request of the Club and then only if approved by the Committee. No two members of the same family are permitted to be signatories on cheques.

ACCOUNTS

All accounts for payment, as authorised by the Committee, shall be met promptly by the Treasurer in his/her capacity.

INDEMNITY

Office bearers of the Club who, by the authority of the Committee, accept or incur any pecuniary liability on behalf of the Club shall be held indemnified by the Club against any personal loss in respect of such liability.

AUDIT

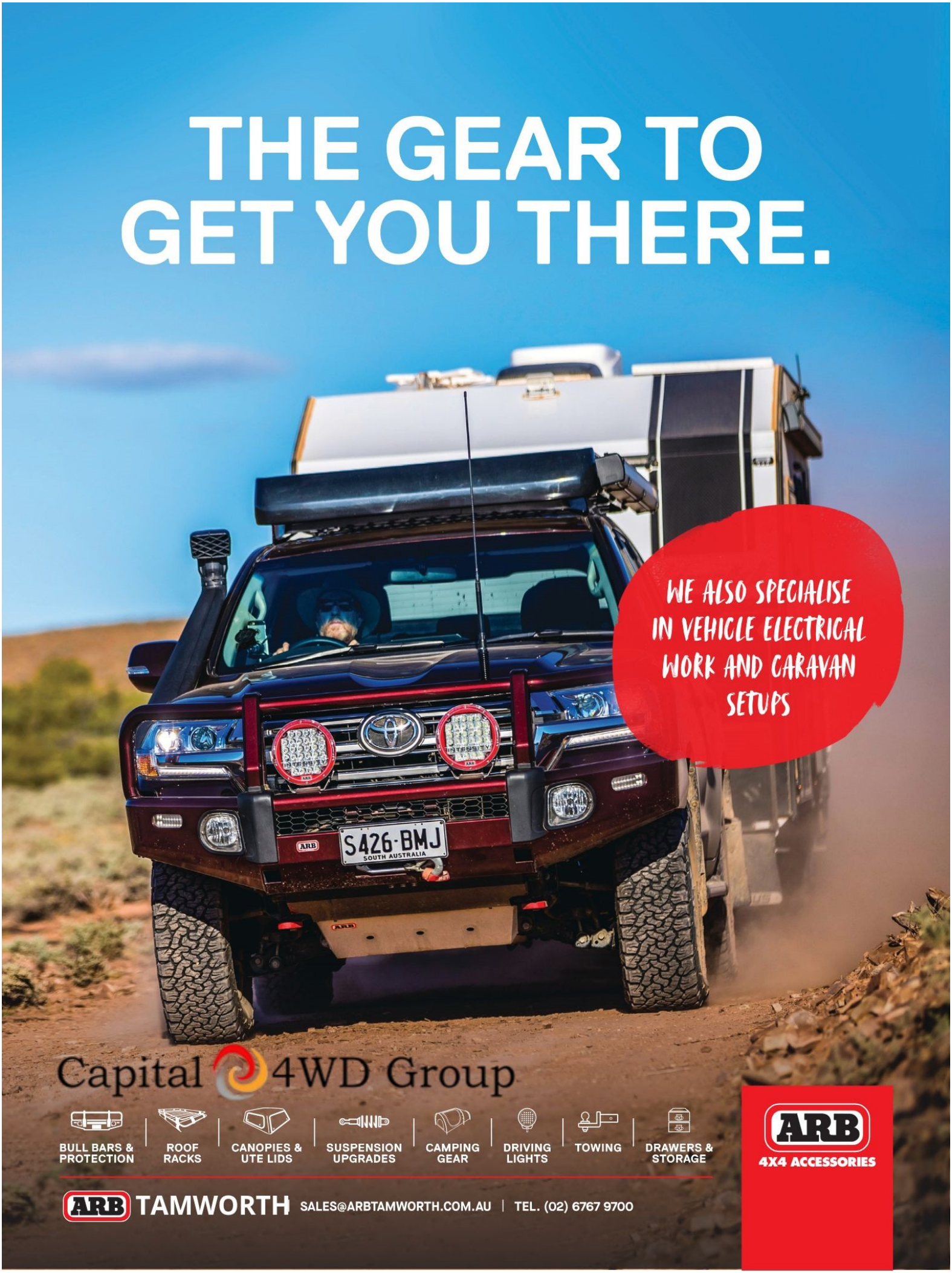
The Club members shall nominate two auditors at the March meeting. An audit of the Treasury records is to be conducted at the end of the Club's financial year and a full report of this audit is to be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting each year.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended at any Special General Meeting of which due notice in writing has been given, provided that such notice shall specify all proposed amendments and provided further that any amendments shall require a majority of at least two thirds of those members present and entitled to vote. Amendments of the Constitution may be proposed by the Committee or by any member of the Club provided that any proposed amendment shall be notified in writing to the Secretary not later than two months prior to the date on which the Special General Meeting is to be held.

Members Conduct

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes he may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called may reverse or alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members present at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.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COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

DUAL BATTERY SYSTEM SETUPS

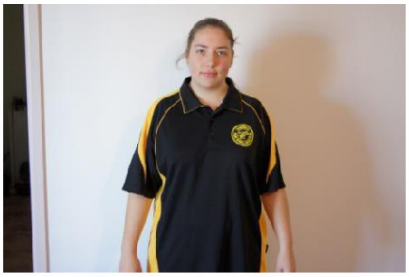
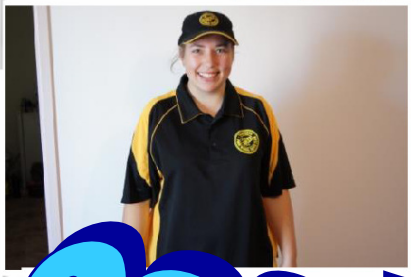
TAKE THE LEAD.

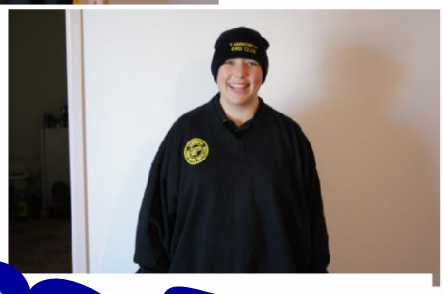
TJM 4X4 EQUIPPED

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



See Leanne for new pricing

- $30 - [illegible]
- $40 - Hoodies
- [illegible] - Caps
- [illegible]

- $[illegible]
- $30 - Jumpers
- [illegible] - Hoodies
- If [illegible] merchandise [illegible]eton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

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NSW, 2340

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
(Dave) : 0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: .....

First Name: ..... DOB: .....

Partner's Name: .... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: ..... **Work:** .....

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Vehicle Details: Make: .....

Model: .....

Year: ..... Registration: .....

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: .....

Emergency contact phone number: .....

Signature of Member: ..... Date: .....

Signature of Partner: ..... Date: .....

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

P.O Box 3345
West Tamworth
NSW 2340

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

_____

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Just a gentle reminder !!!

Before leaving on any trip all participants should make sure you have a **-Snatch strap- Solid recovery points on your vechile- Rated Bow Shackles minimum of 3.25 - UHF radio, desirable- Fire Extinguisher.**

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

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- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
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- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
Jodie Thompson
Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard Mariner
Dave & Karma Walters
Aaron Walters & Nicole Ward
Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
Terry & Helen Collins
Tim Patterson & family.
Colin & Sue Turner.
Kevin & Asia Gorick.
Jason Green and family.
Joshua & Fiona Walker.
Anthony Said
Adam Batho

Club Life Members
Graeme Hodge
Phil Swindale.
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